

SENATE BILL 1002
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (b) and re-designating the current language in subsection (b) as subsection (c):

(b) When the thirtieth (30th) day before an election falls on a Sunday, applications for registration shall be accepted and processed through the twenty-ninth (29th) day before the election. This shall extend the deadline for applications for registration completed at the county election commission office as well as the deadline for having a by-mail registration form postmarked.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-202, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection thereto:

(b) Whenever a municipal election is being held in conjunction with a regular general election, the election commission may have printed separate municipal and general election ballots on which shall be only the names of candidates who have qualified and who are to be voted on at the polling place in which the ballots are to be used.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-103(b)(1), is amended by deleting the words "eight o'clock p.m. (8:00 p.m.)" and substituting instead the language "eight o'clock p.m. (8:00 p.m.) in the eastern time zone and seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) in the central time zone".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.